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SUBJECT: SUHARTO ABOLISHES ASPRI POSITIONS; ASSUMES
LEADERSHIP OF KOPKAMTIB

1. ACCORDING TO RADIO INDONESIA BROADCAST AFTERNOON JANUARY 28, PRESIDENT SUHARTO ANNOUNCED TODAY (VIA PALACE SPOKESMAN SUDHARMONO) THAT HE HAS (1) ABOLISHED THE POSITION OF PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT (ASPRIS) SINCE THESE POSITIONS NO LONGER NEEDED, (2) ASSUMED THE COMMAND OF KOPKAMTB (COMMAND FOR RESTORATION OF SECURITY AND ORDER) HIMSELF; AND (3) APPOINTED FORMER KOPKAMTIB DEPUTY ADMIRAL SUDOMO TO NEWLY CREATED POSITION OF CHIEF OF STAFF OF KOPKAMTIB. FORMER KOPKAMTIB CHIEF GENERAL SUMITRO WILL RETAIN HIS POSITION AS DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES UNDER GENERAL PANGGABEAN. NO WORD YET ON FATE OF ASPRIS.

2. COMMENT: SUHARTO'S DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT MAY REPRESENT EVEN HANDED SOLUTION TO CONFLICT BETWEEN SUMITRO AND ALI MURTOPO. FURTHER ANALYSIS WILL FOLLOW AS FACTS BECOME AVAILABLE.

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